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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Drewitz Airfield

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EVALUATION [REDACTED]

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REMARKS

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. Twin-engine bombers with blue and red propeller hubs were seen at the Drewitz (O 52/A 66) airfield on 15 April 1950.
2. Twenty-eight bombers with two in-line engines, double rudder assembly and one or two cockpits, and seven biplanes were counted at the field on 27 April 1950*. Top surfaces of the planes were painted gray-green; the bottom surfaces were blue. Fifty percent of them had blue propeller hubs, the other half had red hubs, numbers were painted in the same colors on the rudder assemblies. The planes with one cockpit had a weapon in the cockpit pointing to the rear, and another weapon, also firing rearward, in a trough-shaped protrusion under the fuselage.**
3. The motor vehicles of the unit, including eight tank trucks, were parked in the woods. Trucks [REDACTED]
The personnel were quartered in seven tents and two cantonment buildings. The village of Drewitz was not occupied by Soviet soldiers.***
4. There were heavy showers and strong gusts of wind between 3 and 4 p.m., when there was no flying. The field was not especially guarded. Two Soviet Air Force soldiers said that they had come from Cottbus.

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The air unit now observed there had probably come from Cottbus. This assumption is confirmed by the motor vehicle numbers reported, which are assigned to the bomber units previously stationed in Cottbus, and by the statements of two Soviet soldiers. The transfer to Drewitz must have been conducted in early April 1950 since the Cottbus air units were transferred at that time. "cc."

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***  Comment. From the information that some personnel were quartered in tents it is inferred that the transfer to Drewitz was only temporary.

1 Annex, sketch on ditto: Drewitz Airfield

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